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In re Patent Application of:
J. Stuart Cumming

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Group Art Unit: 3738

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For: LENS ASSEMBLY FOR DEPTH OF FOCUS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 8/23/02

Box Response

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2002 for which the three-month date for response is November 6, 2002. A petition for a three month extension of time is requested and filed herewith.

In the Claims

Please replace the pendings claims of the same number with the claims below:

1. An intraocular lens assembly for increased depth of focus, comprising:
a frame having haptics extending oppositely and longitudinally, said haptics having lateral edges disposed on the outer periphery of the frame, said frame being configured to vault posteriorly in an eye of a person,
said frame having end portions to engage in the periphery of the capsular bag of an eye,
said frame defining a generally circular opening disposed through said frame, said opening positioned between inner portions of said haptics,
an optic sized and configured to engage in an edge portion of said frame opening,
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